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FOLLOWING TEL AVIV 6100 SENT ACTION SECSTATE CAIRO SEP 4:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 6100

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR US IS EG  
SUBJ: ISRAELI ACTIONS IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: (A) CAIRO 11954; (B) TEL AVIV 6095

1. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GIVING ARMOCO SUBSTANCE OF ISRAELI  
POSITION AS STATED BY ALLON ON SEPT 3 (REF B).

2. WHILE I DEEM IT RATHER PRESUMPTORY FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS TO  
SUGGEST HOW I SHOULD CONDUCT MY BUSINESS IN ISRAEL, I WOULD BE  
PREPARED TO SEE RABIN IF I THOUGHT APPROACH WOULD BE USEFUL  
AND, MORE IMPORTANT, IF I THOUGH SUCH MOVE AT THIS TIME WERE  
IMPERATIVE. IN MY VIEW, NEITHER CONDITION IS APPLICABLE. IN  
ANY CASE, I AM CERTAIN THAT HIS STATMENT OF ISRAELI POSITION  
WOULD BE SAME AS THAT GIVEN BY ALLON. I THEREFORE SEE LITTLE  
PURPOSE IN MEETING WITH RABIN UNLESS WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION OR  
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PROPOSALS TO MAKE.

3. DEPTTEL 219417 STATES THAT SITE 304.1 IS CONCESSION GRANTED TO AMOCO BEFORE 1967 WAR. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION OF OUR WON TO CONFIRM THIS. BUT ISRAELIS BELIEVE IT WAS GIVEN TO AMOCO AFTER 1967 AND THUS, IN THEIR EYES, CONCESSION HAS NO VALIDITY.

4. I MUST CONFESS THAT I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR EILTS' COMMENT THAT "ISRAELIS CANNOT CONTINUE TO TEMPORIZE" AND MORE TO THE POINT, ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. POLICY AND ACTION. ISRAELIS HAVE MADE PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST ALL DRILLING EAST OF THE MEDIAN LINE SO LONG AS THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE AREA. THIS IS A FACTUAL SITUATION WE MUST FACE.

5. ONE FINAL OBSERVATION. I THINK WE SHOULD AVOID MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS, TAKING POSITIONS, PROPOSING ACTIONS ON THE BASIS OF PROVEN INACCURATE, OR WORSE, DELIBERATELY DISTORTED REPORTS. WE SHOULD, IN A WORD, COOL IT. OTHERWISE, WE WILL BY OUR POSTURE PRODUCE THE INFLAMMATORY SITUATION WE ALL WISH TO AVOID. TOON UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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